

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 190**  
**RECOGNITION OF MARCH AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that March 2022 will be recognized as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, this designation will formalize and expand upon the designation 36 years ago of March 1986 as “Hemophilia Awareness Month” by President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Department of Health and Human Services designated March 2016 as National Bleeding Disorders Month; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple states and local governments, since 2016, have passed a proclamation and/or resolutions declaring March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, bleeding disorder advocates, during this month, wear a red material around their neck (e.g. leis, scarves, ties); and

**WHEREAS**, these bleeding disorders, which share the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and Hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

**WHEREAS**, this Awareness Month in the City of St. Louis, Missouri will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease which alone impacts an estimated one percent of the U.S. population or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, this Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, this Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize March 2022 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the City of St. Louis, Missouri and thank all who have worked to cure, prevent and make the public aware of these illnesses. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**